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In re Application of:)
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KEIICHIRO ISHIHARA, et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 2851
Application No.: 10/633,521)
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Filed: August 5, 2003)
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For: OPTICAL SCANNING)
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DEVICE AND IMAGE)
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FORMING APPARATUS)
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USING THE SAME : January 20, 2005

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to Japan 7-191272, a copy of which is enclosed and which is listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

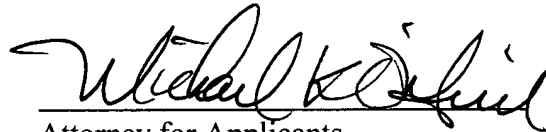
This document was cited during prosecution of a foreign patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of that foreign Communication is enclosed. Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

An English language abstract for this Japanese document was not available, but it is believed that U.S. Patent 5,648,865, which was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated January 12, 2004, is an English language counterpart.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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